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Dear Hal=

Thanks for sending me the ad from Carroll & Graf on your book, "Never Again". I have zeroxed copies of this and distributed many copies to my friends and asked them to call on their book stores to get copies of your book.

Speaking about books, I'm enclosing a copy of a review I did on your book, "Case Open", which finally appeared in "Back Channels" in their issue of September, 1994. I received my copy on Feb-21 st!! The review was about 7 months late in appearing (possibly even more than that). I hope you like it.

You'll also notice I've enclosed copies of other articles which I've come across which should interest you. By no means do I agree with some of them — in fact, there are points raised in these which I strongly dissent from. But I'm sending them to you so that you can get an idea of what is being published.

I recently talked to Gary Aguilar and mentioned to him your interest in knowing where Gary got the infor-

matter that Dr. Finck reportedly stated that there were pictures taken at the autopsy he did not see. Aguilar told me he believed this was in the HSCA volumes but was not sure of this. He said he'd write you about this. I don't know if he has written to you by now or not.

Aguilar also told me that John Newman's book on "Oswald & The CIA" would be delayed and it was now scheduled for June. Aguilar also told me that Newman had mentioned to him that he had recently uncovered an intelligence operation in which Oswald was involved and which was definitely run by the U.S. government. Aguilar had no further information as to what this meant. Have you heard anything about this?

I received word from the ARRB that the next ARRB hearings would be in Washington on March 7th. I also note that in the March 1st issue of "The Washington Spectator" there would be a publick hearing of the ARRB in Boston "sometime in March" at the John F. Kennedy Library. I have no idea who or what will be discussed at these hearings. So far I only receive letters indicating when and where hearings will be held.

I thought you'd also be interested in learning that Norman Mailer will be speaking in S.F. on May 8th & although the topic is not listed other that "Mailer in Conversation" the ad I have states that Mailer is the autho of "Oswald's Tale - An American Mystery". I've got a ticket for that program and I'm curious to know

what he'll be speaking on. If I get a chance & they allow questions from the audience I do intend to query him.

You'll note that in the xerox copies of articles I've enclosed there is an article about Mailer and his association with Larry Schiller. You and I both know of his past record and behavior and probably a good deal of what's in the article is true.

I note that "COPA" has sent me information on their next conference. I'm planning on attending and this time I've scheduled enough time so that I can visit you prior to that conference. The conference will be from Oct. 20 to Oct. 22nd.

One last thing before I close, you had mentioned in one of your previous letters that you had received confirmation ~~from~~ from the U.S. Navy that Oswald had a "crypto" clearance. Is it possible for me to receive the document that contains this information?

In case I've forgotten (and I could've mentioned this in a previous letter) did I tell you that I've received a confirmation from a researcher that there was an operation going on at Atsugi besides the U-2 operation that was known as "METO". I had Mark Zaid try to get info from FOIA on METO but he said they had nothing. The info I received was that METO was a super-super hush-hush operation. The METO apparently stood for "MILITARY ELECTRONIC TACTICAL OPERATIONS." When I was told this by the researcher I said I thought

METO stood for MARINE ELECTRONIC TACTICAL OPERATIONS". He corrected me & said not "MARINE" but "MILITARY" is the correct word. He said it was a world-wide operation & not confined to Atsugi solely. When I mentioned METO to the general I know who was in the C/A & was once stationed at Atsugi he said he had never heard of it. But the two sources I have on METO both indicated that they could get in trouble if they discussed it further, even suggesting in one instance a court-martial for even bringing it up. I really don't know how this in any way ties in with Oswald but the indication is that he would've known something about it. But this is conjecture on my part as well as others, so I really can't say.

Well, I'll close now and I'm looking forward to your book's appearance. As soon as it does I intend to review it for different publications.

Best,
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